

“(B) submits an application in accordance with paragraph (2).

“(2) APPLICATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a State shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information, in addition to the information required under subparagraph (B), as the Secretary may require.

“(B) INFORMATION REQUIRED.—Each application submitted for a grant under this section shall—

“(i) detail the methodology and results of the State market rates survey conducted pursuant to paragraph (1)(A);

“(ii) describe the State's plan to increase payment rates from the initial baseline determined under clause (i);

“(iii) describe how the State will increase payment rates in accordance with the market survey results, for all types of child care providers who provide services for which assistance is made available under this subchapter;

“(iv) describe how payment rates will be set to reflect the variations in the cost of providing care for children of different ages and different types of care;

“(v) describe how the State will prioritize increasing payment rates for—

“(I) care of higher-than-average quality, such as care by accredited providers or care that includes the provision of comprehensive services;

“(II) care for children with disabilities and children served by child protective services; or

“(III) care for children in communities served by local educational agencies that have been identified for improvement under section 1116(c)(3) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6316(c)(3));

“(vi) describe the State's plan to assure that the State will make the payments on a timely basis and follow the usual and customary market practices with regard to payment for child absentee days; and

“(vii) describe the State's plans for making the results of the survey widely available through public means.

“(3) CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT.—

“(A) SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS.—A State shall be eligible to receive a second or subsequent annual payment under this section only if the Secretary determines that the State has made progress, through the activities assisted under this subchapter, in maintaining increased payment rates.

“(B) THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS.—A State shall be eligible to receive a third or subsequent annual payment under this section only if the State has conducted, at least once every 2 years, an update of the survey described in paragraph (1)(A).

“(4) REQUIREMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, the State shall agree to make available State contributions from State sources toward the costs of the activities to be carried out by the State pursuant to subsection (c) in an amount that is not less than 20 percent of such costs.

“(B) DETERMINATION OF STATE CONTRIBUTIONS.—Such State contributions shall be in cash. Amounts provided by the Federal Government may not be included in determining the amount of such State contributions.

“(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

“(1) PRIORITY USE.—An eligible State that receives a grant under this section shall use the funds received to significantly increase the payment rate for the provision of child care assistance in accordance with this subchapter up to the 100th percentile of the

market rate determined under the market rate survey described in subsection (b)(1)(A).

“(2) ADDITIONAL USES.—An eligible State that demonstrates to the Secretary that the State has achieved a payment rate of the 100th percentile of the market rate determined under the market rate survey described in subsection (b)(1)(A) may use funds received under a grant made under this section for any other activity that the State demonstrates to the Secretary will enhance the quality of child care services provided in the State.

“(3) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts paid to a State under this section shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, or local funds provided to the State under this subchapter or any other provision of law.

“(d) EVALUATIONS AND REPORTS.—

“(1) STATE EVALUATIONS.—Each eligible State shall submit to the Secretary, at such time and in such form and manner as the Secretary may require, information regarding the State's efforts to increase payment rates and the impact increased payment rates are having on the quality of child care in the State and the access of parents to high-quality child care in the State.

“(2) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall submit biennial reports to Congress on the information described in paragraph (1). Such reports shall include data from the applications submitted under subsection (b)(2) as a baseline for determining the progress of each eligible State in maintaining increased payment rates.

“(e) INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.—The Secretary shall determine the manner in which and the extent to which the provisions of this section apply to Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

“(f) PAYMENT RATE.—In this section, the term ‘payment rate’ means the rate of reimbursement to providers for subsidized child care.”

(e) PAYMENTS.—Section 658J(a) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858h(a)) is amended by inserting “from funds appropriated under section 658B(a)” after “section 658O”.

(f) ALLOTMENT.—Section 658O of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858m) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(A) by striking “section 658B” and inserting “section 658B(a)”; and

(B) by inserting “and from the amounts appropriated under section 658B(b) for each fiscal year remaining after reservations under subsection (a),” before “the Secretary shall allot”; and

(2) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “the allotment under subsection (b)” and inserting “an allotment made under subsection (b)”; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “corresponding” before “allotment”.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 24—CONCERNING A JOINT MEETING OF CONGRESS AND THE CULMINATING YEAR OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR

Mr. CAMPBELL submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

Whereas, 50 years ago, nearly 1,800,000 Americans answered the call to defend freedom in South Korea and fought the common foe of communism with 21 allied countries under the banner of the United Nations;

Whereas the United States suffered casualties of 36,577 killed, 103,284 wounded, and 8,166 still missing in action during the Korean War in some of the most horrific conditions in the history of warfare;

Whereas 2003 marks the final year of the United States' 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration;

Whereas our Korean War veterans did not receive the proper welcome home, thanks, or recognition for selfless service and sacrifice that had been given to veterans of previous wars;

Whereas the bravery and sacrifices of our Korean War veterans and their families and next of kin should be properly honored and recognized, and the American people wish to join in thanking and honoring Korean War veterans and their families;

Whereas it is important to include the history of the Korean War in the curricula of our schools so that future generations will learn about and appreciate the sacrifices of our Korean War heroes; and

Whereas the final year of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration should be recognized by a national effort of programs and activities to officially thank, honor, and welcome home our Korean War veterans, and to officially thank and honor their families and next of kin: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) shall assemble in the Chamber of the House of Representatives on [] for the purpose of declaring to the Nation and the world that the American people will never forget our veterans or those who served our Nation on the home front during the Korean War;

(2) designates 2003 as the Year of the Korean War Veteran;

(3) requests the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe 2003 with appropriate ceremonies and activities to thank, honor, and welcome home our Korean War veterans; and

(4) urges the chief executives of the States, and the chief executives of the political subdivisions of the States, to issue a proclamation calling upon the citizens of such State or political subdivision to “Pause to Remember” our Korean War veterans and their families and next of kin with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I rise to call attention to an important milestone in our national history. Fifty-three years ago, armed forces from communist North Korea stormed across the 38th Parallel and brutally invaded South Korea. For the first time in history, a coalition of 21 nations' forces—most of them Americans—rallied under the aegis of the United Nations to join the South Korean Forces in staving off the communist challenge.

In the end, these heroes, fighting courageously under some of the most horrific conditions in the history of warfare, prevailed against the invading forces.

An Armistice ending the hostilities in Korea and forever halting the spread of international communism was signed fifty years ago on 27 July 1953.

During the Korean War approximately 1.8 million Americans fought in

places like the Naktong Bulge, the Pusan perimeter, Inchon, Kunu-ri, the "Frozen Chosin", Pork Chop Hill and Heartbreak Ridge.

Nearly 37,000 Americans lost their lives, over 100,000 were wounded, and more than 8,000 were taken prisoner or went missing in action. Some 50 years later, approximately 8166 Americans remain missing in action from the Korean War.

Today, as we face the challenges of a new pending war and international terrorism we look with pride and respect to our Korean War veterans for their example of absolute dedication and sacrifice to the defense of freedom. Our Korean War veterans faced formidable odds and endured harsh and inhumane conditions in furthering our Nation's proud heritage of honor and valor in the face of overwhelming adversity.

As the United States marks the fiftieth Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended the hostilities in South Korea, all Americans must "Pause to Remember" our Korean War veterans and their families and next of kin.

We thank and honor all Korean War veterans with hearts filled with pride. Today, the Republic of Korea stands as a proud testament to the sacrifices of 1.8 million Americans. Today, South Koreans enjoy a thriving economy and taste the fruits of a marvelous democracy. During the year 2003, let all Americans thank and honor our Korean War veterans for serving Freedom and Democracy with such distinction and valor.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 275. Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SMITH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SARBANES, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. COLEMAN) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Governments for fiscal year 2004 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2003 and for fiscal years 2005 through 2013.

SA 276. Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. GRAHAM of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 277. Mr. LIEBERMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 278. Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BAYH, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. KOHL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 279. Mr. NICKLES (for Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra.

SA 280. Mr. LUGAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 281. Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 282. Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 283. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KYL, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 284. Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. DODD) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra.

SA 285. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. BIDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 286. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 287. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 288. Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra.

SA 289. Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 290. Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. KERRY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 291. Mr. VOINOVICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 293. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 294. Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, and Ms. STABENOW) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra.

SA 295. Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 296. Mr. ROCKEFELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 297. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 275. Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. NELSON of Ne-

braska, Mr. SMITH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SARBANES, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. COLEMAN) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Governments for fiscal year 2004 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2003 and for fiscal years 2005 through 2013; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING STATE FISCAL RELIEF.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) States are experiencing the most severe fiscal crisis since World War II.

(2) States are instituting severe cuts to a variety of vital programs such as health care, child care, education, and other essential services.

(3) According to the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, 49 States already have taken actions or plan to cut Medicaid before or during the current fiscal year 2003. Medicaid budget proposals in many States would eliminate or curtail health benefits for eligible families and substantially reduce or freeze provider reimbursement rates.

(4) In 2002, at least 13 States reported decreased State investments in their child care assistance programs.

(5) According to a forthcoming analysis of 22 States, at least 1,700,000 people are now at risk of losing their health care coverage under cuts that have already been implemented or proposed.

(6) Fiscal relief would help avoid adding even more Americans to the ranks of the uninsured while preserving the safety net when it is most needed during an economic downturn.

(7) Curtailing the States' need to cut spending and increase taxes is essential for true economic growth.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the Sense of the Senate that the functional totals in this resolution assume that any legislation enacted to provide economic growth for the United States should include not less than \$30,000,000,000 for State fiscal relief over the next 18 months (of which at least half should be provided through a temporary increase in the Federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP)).

SA 276. Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. GRAHAM of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2003 and for fiscal years 2005 through 2013; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3 line 10, increase the amount by \$150,000,000.

On page 3 line 11, increase the amount by \$451,000,000.

On page 3 line 12, increase the amount by \$903,000,000.

On page 3 line 13, increase the amount by \$903,000,000.

On page 3 line 14, increase the amount by \$451,000,000.